

# MINUTES

—OF THE—

~Tenth Annual Session~

—OF THE—

## New Providence Baptist Association,

—HELD WITH—

~Baptist Church at Bethel, Alabama,~

*Commencing Friday, October 21, 1898.*



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The Tenth Annual Session of New Providence Association met with the Baptist church at Bethel, on Friday, October 21, 1898. Introductory sermon preached by G. S. Anderson, D. D., text: Parable of the Sower.

Adjournment for dinner.

Two o'clock, and after singing "There is a Fountain," the letters from the various churches were read. Letters from the churches were read by Dr. Anderson and Elder G. W. Harrison.

Letters from the following churches with their delegates:

Bethel—Thad Hough, W. M. Green, W. D. Franklin and W. L. Davis.

Brantley—Elder A. B. Metcalf, G. H. Thigpen, A. J. Wyatt, Lewis Ellis and Wallace Beal.

Friendship—Elders C. L. Eiland, W. A. Cumbie, Bros. H. A. Wilson, G. B. Christian and W. E. Eiland.

Goshen—Lum Horn, A. P. Logan, Elder J. H. Nixon and L. F. Mount.

Luverae—G. P. Norsworthy, M. W. Rushton and P. J. Thrower.

Mt. Gilead—W. L. Stinson, G. W. Eiland and J. R. Jordan.

Mt. Ida—J. L. Nichols, John Sanders and B. M. Williamson.

Mt. Zion—J. M. Mount, S. E. Mount, A. W. Rodgers and J. B. Jones.

Mt. Pisgah—Not Represented.

New Mt. Pleasant—

New Harmony—Elder R. F. Hawkins, I. L. Mills, Sr., Walter Barrington, F. L. Hawkins and Robert Patterson.

Pleasant Home—P. C. Wood and T. J. Cowart.

Spring Hill—A. P. Logan, H. C. Lord and W. S. Matthews.

Salem—S. B. Ray and Warren Powell.

Searight—G. W. Bagley.

The body organized by electing Elder W. A. Cumbie Moderator, W. L. Davis Clerk, and H. C. Loard Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for when Salem church from Dozier applied and the right hand of fellowship to the delegates was extended by the Moderator. Also the Baptist church at Searight was received the same way.

Call for correspondents—Elder Stephen Williamson reported from the Zion Association; Elder G. W. Harrison reported from the Centennial Association; Elder J. P. Graham and I. J. Johnson from Pea River Association; Elder Wyatt Logan reported from the Birmingham Association; Elder J. M. Loflin and Brother James Warwick and Chas. Logan reported from the Salem Association; G. S. Anderson, D. D., reported from the Tuskegee Association, and also represented the Ministers Institute Board, and his newspaper, "The Sermonizer;" Elders W. C. Avant, J. F. Sims and T. T. Dobbs reported from the Alabama Association

Committees appointed—

On Devotional Exercises—Pastor and delegates of Bethel church.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8½ O'clock.

Opened with prayer by Elder Harrison.

Special committee to draft order of business—Elder C. L. Eiland G. H. Thigpen, A. B. Metcalf and M. W. Rushton.

Committee on Books and Periodicals—W. L. Davis, J. M. Mount and J. R. Jordan.

Committee on Temperance—H. C. Loard, I. L. Mills, Sr. J. H. Nixon and Elder R. F. Hawkins.

Committee on Sunday Schools—G. H. Thigpen, M. W. Rushton and W. M. Green.

Committee on Nominations—G. B. Christian, F. L. Hawkins and B. M. Williamson.

Committee on Finance—L. F. Mount, M. W. Rushton and J. B. Jones.

Committee on Missions—C. L. Eiland, E. S. Mount and John Sanders

#### Miscellaneous Business—

Resolved, That this body request Elder W. A. Cumbie to revise and republish the Webb-Cumbie Debate, with such additional matter of a kindred nature as he may choose to insert in an appendix thereto.

C. L. EILAND.

Report on Books and Periodicals read, and after being spoken to by Elder Harrison, M. W. Rashtor, G. S. Anderson, J. M. Loflin and A. B. Metcalf, it was adopted. Following is the report:

Your committee reports the following: The Bible, the book of books, should be read by all men, and especially by Baptists. It should be our way-bill through life; good Baptist books should not be ignored; we should all read them. So far as newspapers are concerned, we as Baptists should have a good Baptist paper in our families. Of course the "Alabama Baptist" should be our choice among all the laymen, and the preachers should take the "Baptist" and the "Sermonizer." Respectfully, W. L. DAVIS, Chairman.

At 11 o'clock, a. m., sermon by G. S. Anderson, D. D.  
Text: Romans 8 ch. 26 verse, "Work of the Holy Spirit."

Fifth Sunday Meeting will be at Goshen, 5th Sunday in January, 1899.

#### Committee on Temperance.

Report read and spoken to by W. C. Avant, P. J. Thrower, J. M. Loflin, A. B. Metcalf, Stephen Williamson, I. L. Mills, Sr., and was adopted.

Your committee makes the following report:

We believe the cause of Temperance is on the increase. We recommend the churches to observe strict discipline in regard to their members signing whiskey petitions and drinking spirits as a beverage, and we observe the great influence which our sisters have in the cause of temperance. We solicit their co-operation in this great cause, and especially the young sisters, we advise them not to keep company with young men who have the smell of ardent spirits about them.

Respectfully, H. C. LOARD, Chairman.

Preaching Saturday night by Elder I. J. Johnson.

Matters concerning the Institute Board were discussed by Dr. Anderson, Elders Loflin, Metcalf and Brother Thugpen, then a collection amounting to \$2.20 for the cause.

**Committee on Finance.**

Finance Committee reported as follows:

We, your committee, ask leave to report the following: All the funds sent up from the churches for missions and minutes amount to \$47.22, with \$2.20 contributed to Dr. Anderson, making in all \$49.42. Nothing said by any of the churches what disposition to make of the Mission funds. The above amounts we have turned over to the Treasurer.

M. W. RUSHTON, Chairman.

**Treasurer's Report.**

Received from the Finance Committee the sum of \$47.22 being the full amount of the Association funds turned over to me.

H. C. LOARD, Treasurer.

Adjournment.

SUNDAY MORNING, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  O'clock.

Devotional exercises by Elder T. T. Dobbs. Minutes read approved and adopted.

Report of Committee on Sunday Schools read, and after being spoken to by G. H. Thigpen, T. T. Dobbs, G. W. Harrison, Stephen Williamson, R. F. Hawkins, W. M. Green and M. W. Rushton, it was adopted. Following is the report:

**Sunday School Committee.**

Your Committee on Sunday Schools ask leave to submit the following report: That the Sunday School is an important factor in the salvation of souls, cannot be denied. The good that has been accomplished in this glorious work cannot be estimated. While this is true, still our churches are not as active in the maintenance of our schools as they should be; therefore, we recommend and insist that all our people give this part of church work more attention. We further recommend that our fathers and mothers take their loved ones to the Sunday Schools, instead of telling them to go.

Respectfully, G. H. THIGPEN, Chairman.

Special Committee report on Order of Business will be printed on the outside cover page.

Sunday, 11 o'clock, a. m., sermon by Elder Wyatt Logan. Text: Prov. 3rd ch. 9th and 10th verses, "Honor the Lord with thine increase." At the same hour Elder S. J. Williamson preached out in the grove.

Adjourned.

At 2 o'clock, p. m., some songs and a duet.

Elder J. F. Sims reported that the New Providence Association was due him \$16.00, which was paid by Treasurer, for evangelist work done in 1897.

## **Report of Committee on Nominations.**

Report of Committee on Nominations read and adopted. Following is the report:

We ask leave to submit the following: We recommend that this body meet with the Baptist church at Mt. Gilead; time, Friday before 4th Sunday in October, 1899. Introductory sermon by Elder J. H. Nixon. Delegates to Alabama Baptist Convention, T. W. Shows and R. H. Folmar. To the Southern Baptist Convention, Elder A. B. Metcalf. We recommend for Executive Committee the following brethren: W. L. Davis, W. M. Greene, H. C. Loard, R. F. Hawkins, B. M. Williamson and G. B. Christian.

G. B. CHRISTIAN, Chairman.

## **Report on Education.**

Read, and after being discussed by G. H. Thigpen and G. W. Harrison, it was adopted. Following is the report:

Brethren the world is moving, and humanity is on the wing, and there was never a more needful time to educate the young in morals and literature. Respectfully submitted S. B. RAY, Chairman.

## **Committee on Missions.**

After being reported, was spoken to by Elders Eiland and Harrison, it was adopted. Following is the report:

Your committee makes the following report: The Mission cause is the cause of Christ, which cause moved the Father to send His Son among sinners to labor and die for them, whose command to his followers is "Go ye and teach all nations," and inasmuch as all have not been taught the command is yet binding on His people. Since God in his providence has thrown open the doors of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and some of the Philippines, and our denomination having 218 missionaries in the field on the frontiers besides a goodly number in foreign lands, it behooves us as the witnesses of Jesus to bend every energy in the propagation of our Master's kingdom on earth. We should be about our Master's business, and in our estimation this devolves especially upon Baptists.

Respectfully submitted, C. L. EILAND, Chairman.

Following are names of Baptist preachers at the meeting:  
J. M. Loffin, R. F. Hawkins, A. B. Metcalf, J. P. Graham,  
C. L. Eiland, D. M. Eiland, J. H. Nixon, G. W. Harrison, T. T.  
Dobbs, W. C. Avant, J. F. Sims, G. S. Anderson, I. J. John-  
son, Stephen Williamson, and Wyatt Logan

### Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved, That, we tender thanks to the good people of Bethel  
church and New Providence for their kindness and hospitality to us  
while in their midst.

P. J. THROWER.

Prayer by Brother Avant. Body adjourned to meet at  
Mt. Gilead, Covington county, Ala., one year hence.

W. L. Davis,

CLERK.

W. A. Cumbie,

MODERATOR.

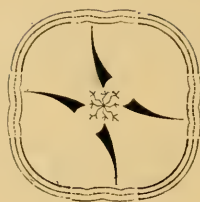




# STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS	CLERKS	POST OFFICE	Sunday of Meeting	Increase by Baptism	Increase by Letter	Increase by Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Decrease by death	Present Membership	Contributed for Minutes	Contributed for Missions	Members last Reported
*Bethel	J. M. Loflin	W. L. Davis	Luverne	2	1			1			66	\$2 60	\$2 25	66
*Brantley	A. B. Metcalf	R. M. Wilder	Brantley	2-4	15	2		3		3	81	1 50		64
Friendship	W. A. Cumbie	W. G. Gilchrist	Brantley	3	3	9	1	4	13	1	93	1 50	2 10	99
*Goshen	G. W. Harrison	J. N. Finlay	Goshen	4	2	5		2			57	1 00	60	62
*Luverne		W. C. Sanders	Luverne		1	5	1	6			53			50
Mt. Ida	C. L. Eiland	O. M. Lanier	Mt. Ida	2	9	4		4	1		41	1 35	90	33
Mt. Gilead	C. L. Eiland	W. L. Stinson	Chester		2			2		1	33	1 00	1 00	33
Mt. Pisgah														
*Zion	R. F. Hawkins	J. L. Eiland	Brantley	1	3	2	1	5	4		72	2 50	1 35	74
New Mt. Pleasant	J. P. Graham													
*New Harmony	R. F. Hawkins	M. P. Williams	Luverne	2	16	11		5		1	83	1 50	4 15	61
*Pleasant Home		Y. W. Lee	Jolinson	4	3			10	1	1	58	1 00	1 16	67
*Salem	A. B. Metcalf	J. M. Thigpen	Dozier									95	2 00	
*Searight	A. B. Metcalf	L. Parker	Searight	3				6			24	1 00		30
Spring Hill		I. L. Mills, Jr.	Vidette	2	2	7	1	21	2	2	64	1 50	4 00	

\* Those marked with a star have Sunday Schools. The following are Ordained Ministers of this body: R. F. Hawkins, W. A. Cumbie, C. L. Eiland, F. A. Garret, A. B. Metcalf. Licenciates: J. H. Nixon and D. M. Eiland.





# Order of Business.

Friday, 10 a. m., Organize.

" 11 a. m., Sermon.

Friday Evening, 1:30 O'clock, Devotional Exercises.

" 2 " Books and Periodicals.

" 3 " Education.

" 4 " General Business.

Saturday Morning 8 O'clock, Devotional Exercises.

" 9 " Nominations.

" 10 " Missions.

" 11 " Sermon.

Saturday Evening, 1:30 " Motions and Resolutions.

" 2 " Appointment of Standing Com.

" 3 " Treasurer's Report.

" 4 " Finance Report.

Sabbath Morning, 9 O'clock, Devotional Exercises.

" 10 " Sabbath School.

" 11 " Sermon.

# OFFICERS.

W. A. CUMBIE,	:	:	:	:	Moderator.
W. L. DAVIS,	:	:	:	:	Clerk.
H. C. LOARD,	:	:	:	:	Treasurer.